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1. On 26 and 29 June 1951, four units, each of 60 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets, marched out of the Generals' Quarter in Neuer Garten, Potsdam. Previously only about 150 soldiers had been located there.

2. Ten trucks,                     , were parked in front of the Hohenlohe Kaserne on 27 June 1951. They were boarded by 220 soldiers, who were from 18 to 21 years of age and had closely-cropped hair, and subsequently left toward Doeberitz. (1) About 30 soldiers were drilling with two 37-mm AA guns in the barracks yard.                     

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3. The confiscated houses on Hessestrasse were vacant because all Russian families quartered there had been repatriated to the U.S.S.R. by the end of June. (3)

4. Between 22 and 25 June, soldiers wearing crimson epaulets, and red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and tank insignia, were observed in the Unteroffiziers-Schule on Jaegerallee.                      courses of instruction for NCOs were being conducted there. Trucks                      were identified at the installation.

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                     the instruction courses had been transferred from there to Zossen on 29 June. All the billeting equipment, including kitchen equipment, were hauled to Zossen. Thirty-six German laborers were discharged. The rooms of the Kriegsschule were vacant, but were allegedly to be reoccupied soon. (4)

                     140 soldiers, including NCOs, arrived at the northern section of the Delius Kaserne on 28 June, coming from Potsdam-Wildpark. On 29 June, 132 trained personnel, including sergeants, allegedly returned to the U.S.S.R. for demobilization.

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[ ] new recruits belonged to the 1931 and 1932 classes. Activity of the troops in the Delius Kaserne between 2 and 4 July 1951 was described as follows: 50X1-HUM

<u>Date</u>	<u>Recruits</u>	<u>Trained Personnel</u>	<u>Entire Unit</u>
2 July	Drill with 8 x 76.2-mm guns from 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Instruction from 1 to 3 p.m.	Maintenance on guns and motor vehicles in the garages from 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Physical training from 1 to 3 p.m.	Political indoctrination at 5:20 p.m.
3 July	Callisthenics from 9:15 to 9:50 a.m. Individual training with rifles and submachine guns from 9:50 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Instruction from 1 to 3 p.m.	Drill with 16 x 22-mm guns and 12 x 152-mm guns from 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with a battery commander's detail of 4 officers and 8 sergeants behind each group of four guns. Cleaning of guns from 1 to 3 p.m.	Political indoctrination from 5 to 7 p.m.
4 July	Drill with 4 x 76.2-mm AT guns from 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Instruction, while cleaning guns, from 1 to 3 p.m.	Construction of gun emplacements at Bornstedter Feld from 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cleaning of guns and guard drill by one battery	movie at 5 p.m.

Twelve new [ ] three-axle trucks stood in front of the garages on 4 July. 50X1-HUM

7. On 7 July, two trains were loaded at the Potsdam railroad station, with 18 AA guns and motor vehicles with [ ] each. (5) 50X1-HUM

8. On 30 June, the barracks installation in Potsdam-Wildpark-West quartered only a small detail of soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. No vehicular traffic was observed, and the garages in the southern section were occupied by a maximum of 8 trucks. 50X1-HUM

9. On 5 July, the General Wever Kaserne, Potsdam, quartered a guard detail only. The northwest section of the installation was guarded by Volkspolizei personnel.

10. The Soviet quarters on the premises of the Friesecke & Hoepfner Firm were still occupied by about 300 men on 2 July. Radio car [ ] with a trailer, which mounted an antenna, was parked in the yard. The mast on the trailer was not fully extended, on top, it mounted a grid, which was at right angles to the longitudinal axis of the vehicle, and which seemed to be insulated at the center. From the grid, two insulated cables, about 4 cm in diameter, ran along the mast, over the cable reels to the side, and ended at the radio truck which was about 10 meters away from the trailer. [ ] no radio sets were contained in the boxes which were on the trailer. (6) 50X1-HUM

11. Until 5 July, the northern section of the Delius Kaserne quartered about 750 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Soldiers practiced with 2 x 152-mm guns and 5 x 122-mm guns. Driving-school trucks [ ] were parked in front of the installation. 50X1-HUM

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12. On 5 July, 22 boxcars were loaded with billeting equipment and boxes at the Wildpark freight station. The equipment had been hauled to the station on trucks 50X1-HUM

Other billeting equipment and boxes stood at the Potsdam railroad station at 6:30 a.m. on 5 July, ready to be loaded. (7) Trucks brought eight AA guns to the station. Trucks parked at the loading ramp there

Disassembled barracks sections were unloaded at the Potsdam railroad station from a pontoon ferry on the Havel River. (5)

13. The following loading and unloading operations took place at the Potsdam railroad station between 5 and 8 July 1951: 50X1-HUM

5 July. An undetermined number of officers and EM were loaded on 8 boxcars, and 8 x 85-mm AA guns, 30 trucks, 1 tank truck, 1 generator, and 1 radio truck on an undetermined number of flatcars. Ten of the trucks loaded

During the unloading process, engineer equipment was brought to the station on motor vehicles (5)

1:30 to 5:30 p.m. on 6 July. About 100 gasoline barrels, several hundred gasoline cans and miscellaneous equipment were at the loading ramp, and trucks arrived with further equipment. this was the second shipment for loading on that day, because a train of flatcars, seen the day before, had already been dispatched. 50X1-HUM

9 a.m. on 7 July. About 50 soldiers with crimson epaulets and black-bordered black epaulets loaded the equipment that had arrived the day before. Motor vehicles were loaded

In addition, four amphibious cars, were loaded.

8 July. Equipment dumped at the loading ramp included large quantities of boards, beams, boxes, about 80 reels of barbed wire, 17 pontoons and 1 motorboat. Equipment continued to arrive. No railroad cars were available for loading during the period of observation. (7)

#### Comments.

- (1) Probably recruits assigned to the 2d Gds AAA Div, to which the trucks also belong.
- (2) an element of the Hq GDFG.
- (3) The houses of Hesse Strasse were have been only billets for officers of all branches of service. It is possible that the departure of families, as stated in the present report, is incidental to the transfer of the personnel attending the courses at the Kriegsschule to the Zossen-Wuensdorf area. See paragraph 5 of the present report.
- (4)

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- (5) [REDACTED] the assembly of two trains which were 50X1-HUM  
to be loaded on 5 July 1951 with elements of the 2d Gds AAA Div.  
[REDACTED] This information is confirmed by the data 50X1-HUM  
in paragraphs 12 and 13 of the present report. According to  
paragraph 6 of the present report, loading operations continued  
on 7 July 1951.
- (6) [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM
- (7) The loading of elements of the unidentified engineer regiment in  
Potsdam for shipment to Bernburg began on 2 July 1951 and was  
apparently not completed by 8 July 1951. Three of four trains with  
elements of this regiment had already been dispatched from Potsdam  
and Wildpark by 4 July. [REDACTED] Paragraph 13 of the 50X1-HUM  
present report indicates that two more shipments were dispatched,  
one on 6 and one on 7 July 1951. The hauling of more equipment to  
the station on 8 July 1951 suggests that of another train might have  
been dispatched that day. The report again mentions that motor  
vehicles [REDACTED]  
were among those being loaded for shipment. [REDACTED]

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